

GOOD PRACTICE EXAMPLES – MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT

Contact Date	Wednesday 1 April, 2020	Type of Contact	Management Oversight	Created By	Katie Sharma	Finalised on	Wednesday 1 April, 2020
Reason for Contact	Review of visiting to the family						
Detailed Notes	<p>The family have been self isolating since 18th March as a way of minimising risk to members of the family with health complications including cerebral palsy. Current advice is that those in the high risk category for Covid-19 should self isolate for 12 weeks minimum.</p> <p>In addition to this, following government advice, social workers are not permitted to facilitate home visits unless there is an immediate safeguarding concern and HOS approval is required.</p> <p><u>Impact on the family of self isolation</u></p> <p>Risk/concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Sexual abuse risk by Mr C (father) * Risks associate with mothers relationships as she is unable to identify risk * Mothers inability to meet emotional and education needs of the children * Neglect issues including dental issues <p>The social worker is not able to facilitate usual CP visits to ensure their safety, however she has been able to complete regular safeguarding virtual visits. Having read a sample of the recording of these visits, it's clear to me that Ms P is engaging well with the current plan and she has not been evasive in any way. Secondly that the social worker has been able engage with all the children and she has a sense of how the family are currently functioning.</p> <p>None of the children are reporting concerns. Mother has encouraged professional involvement including daily contact with the children's schools. Food packages have been provided by school and funded by the LA as they have been</p>						

over and above school meals.

There will be an impact on mother's ability to parent as the children are usually in school full time and two of the children have extensive and additional needs. Mother will need emotional support and to rest when possible.

The schools are providing mother with support regarding their education/welfare on a daily basis.

SW has commented that mother seemed very tired today, she will need rest periods herself.

The Previous Actions were

- * CP visits to take place over Facetime once a week
- * The children's wishes and feelings to be obtained during those calls particularly around people visiting the home
- * This arrangement is to be reviewed in two weeks time by 31st March and consideration to be given to completing a visit with the children (not K) outside of the home- ie a walk to the park etc

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Agreed actions from today

- * virtual visits will continue at a rate of 3 times a week
 - * One of these visits will need to include seeing the children alone
 - * One of these visits will focus on supporting Ms P emotionally and with regards to parenting in difficult circumstances and getting rest herself
 - * SW is to escalate any concerns noted during virtual visits
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Contact Date	Wednesday 15 April, 2020	Type of Contact	Management Oversight	Created By	Hannah King	Finalised on	Wednesday 15 April, 2020
Reason for Contact	Management Oversight - Risk Assessment in response to Covid-19 Public Health England Restrictions						
Detailed Notes	<p>Current Circumstances: U, K and A are placed in their mother's care at home. They are subject to interim Supervision Orders. The LA has filed the final evidence for Court with a plan for a 12 month Supervision Order. There are concerns about mother's care and this deteriorating when her mental health deteriorates. There have also been concerns about physical chastisement. However, this has been balanced against the harm of the children being removed - they do love their mother and have positive sibling bonds.</p> <p>Any symptoms of COVID-19: None.</p> <p>Are the family high risk for any reason: No.</p> <p>Education: The children are not attending education as Ms A has high anxieties about the risk of Covid-19 and wants to keep her family safe. The school are intermittently contacting the family to check on them.</p>						
Analysis of Information	<p>Analysis: Given the mother's mental health may be impacted by the current additional stress of the global pandemic and this in turn could impact her parenting, a minimum of weekly virtual visits should be undertaken. During these visits the children should ideally be free to speak to the social worker on their own (to allow space for them to say if there were any issues) and also the home conditions need to be seen. There should also be unannounced virtual visits attempted at least once every two weeks. If concerns arise this should be discussed with the ATM and this frequency would be reviewed.</p> <p>A food package has already been provided for the family, which Ms A was very grateful for. If there are any other practical supports for the family then this should be sought - this includes checking if they are entitled to vouchers provided by schools instead of the free.</p> <p>Questions should be asked to ensure the children are studying as Ms A has not had the most consistent approach in the past with this.</p>						
Action	<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SW to undertake a virtual visit today and write this up - to 						

comment on mother's presentation and the children's presentation, if they need any practical support and if the children are doing home learning.

- SW to undertake weekly virtual visits as a minimum.
 - SW to undertake an unannounced virtual visit at least once every two weeks.
 - SW to raise any concerns with the ATM and this can be reviewed.
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